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Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over LeBlanc (USPN 6,236,365). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claims 1, 7, 12, and 16 recite, among other things, that the "transmitting source is either an origination source or a repeater associated with the origination source." To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the cited references must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. (MPEP 706.02(j).) Applicant submits that the cited references do not teach or suggest the claimed combination defined in the claim, particularly the quoted limitation.

In rejecting the independent claims, the rejection asserts that LeBlanc teaches "a repeater associated with an origination source." Upon careful reading of the disclosure cited for the teaching at Abstract; FIGs. 1 and 2; column 17, line 14, through column 19, line 60; and column 39, lines 7-67, LeBlanc describes conventional base stations with sector coverage area, but nowhere does LeBlanc teach the use of repeaters associated with base stations. Thus, a *prima facie* case of obviousness is not established for the claim.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 1, 7, 12, and 16 under 35 USC103(a) as being unpatentable over LeBlanc should be withdrawn in the next Office action. And, at least by virtue of their dependency on patentable independent claims 1, 7, 12, and 16, dependent claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-15, and 17-21 should be allowed in the next Office action.

The other two rejections of the instant Office action have LeBlanc as the primary reference. For the same reason given for overcoming the rejection of claims 1-21, claims 22-45 should be allowed in the next Office action.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this

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application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

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